

**REAUTHORIZATION OF VETERANS REINTEGRATION
TASK FORCE**

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill re-creates the Veterans Reintegration Task Force.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ re-creates the Veterans Reintegration Task Force and limits its composition to not more than 21 members;
- ▶ requires the task force to further study the difficulties encountered by returning servicemembers after deployments and create a statewide action plan for assisting with:
 - reintegration into communities;
 - finding employment;
 - pursuing education; and
 - locating services;
- ▶ charges the task force with creating a statewide action plan for collaborating, assisting, and coordinating with reintegration; and
- ▶ requires that the task force report to the Government Operations Interim Committee.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2012-13:

- ▶ To the Senate, as a one-time appropriation:
 - from the General Fund \$6,000 to pay for the Veteran Reintegration Task Force; and
- ▶ To the House of Representatives, as a one-time appropriation:
 - from the General Fund \$9,000 to pay for the Veterans Reintegration Task Force.

Other Special Clauses:

This bill is repealed on November 30, 2013.

Uncodified Material Affected:

ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:***Section 1. Veteran Reintegration Task Force -- Creation -- Membership -- Quorum
-- Compensation -- Staff.**

(1) There is created the Veteran Reintegration Task Force consisting of no more than 21 members, including the following:

(a) two members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than one of whom may be from the same political party;

(b) three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party;

(c) the executive director of the Department of Veterans Affairs or the director's designee;

(d) the executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or the director's designee;

(e) the executive director of the Department of Health or the director's designee;

(f) the executive director of the Department of Human Services or the director's designee;

(g) the director of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing or the director's designee;

(h) a representative from the Administrative Office of the Courts who is knowledgeable in court services and availability appointed by the Judicial Council;

(i) a representative from the Utah National Guard appointed by the Adjutant General;

(j) the Employment Services for Guard and Reserve Transition Assistance Advisor;

(k) a representative from the Board of Regents;

(l) a representative from the League of Cities and Towns;

(m) members added to the task force by the members during the 2012 Interim; and

(n) any other representatives of agencies or organizations the task force considers necessary to complete its charge.

(2) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed

under Subsection (1)(a) as a cochair of the task force.

(b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House of Representatives appointed under Subsection (1)(b) as a cochair of the task force.

(3) A majority of the members of the task force constitute a quorum. The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes the action of the task force.

(4) (a) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force who are legislators shall be paid in accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Expense and Mileage Reimbursement for Authorized Legislative Meetings, Special Sessions, and Veto Override Sessions.

(b) A member of the task force who is not a legislator may not receive compensation for their work associated with the task force, but may receive per diem and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred as a member of the task force at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

(5) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to the task force.

Section 2. Duties -- Interim report.

(1) The task force shall review and make recommendations on the following issues:

(a) difficulties encountered by service members returning from deployments or veterans who have been separated from military service, including:

(i) regaining employment;

(ii) managing finances;

(iii) suicide prevention; and

(iv) obtaining assistance with deployment and service related health issues;

(b) creation of a statewide action plan for returning service members, veterans and their families; and

(c) coordination of resources across state and local governments to assist service members, veterans, and their families.

(2) A final report, including any proposed legislation shall be presented to the Government Operations Interim Committee before November 30, 2013.

Section 3. Appropriation.

Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the

94 following sums of money are appropriated from resources not otherwise appropriated, or
95 reduced from amounts previously appropriated, out of the funds or accounts indicated for the
96 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. These are additions to any
97 amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2013.

98 To Legislature - Senate

99 From General Fund, One-time \$4,000

100 Schedule of Programs:

101 Administration \$4,000

102 To Legislature - House of Representatives

103 From General Fund, One-time \$6,000

104 Schedule of Programs:

105 Administration \$6,000

106 Section 4. **Repeal date.**

107 This bill is repealed on November 30, 2013.